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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - **All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name:

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

2. Address:
4121 WILSON BLVD., 10TH FLOOR, ARLINGTON, VA 22203

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):
Country City: State/Zip(or Country):

4. Contact Name: SHIRLEY BLOOMFIELD
Telephone: 703-351-2044
E-mail (optional): sbloomfield@ntca.org

Senate ID #: 28674-12
House ID #: 31060000

7. Client Name: ☒ Self

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2006 Midyear (January 1 - June 30): ☒ **OR** Year End (July 1 - December 31): ☐

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report: ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report: ☐ => Termination Date: 11. No Lobbying Activity: ☐

INCOME OR EXPENSES

Complete Either Line 12 **OR** Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than $10,000: ☐

$10,000 or more: ☐ => Income (nearest $20,000):_____

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest $20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

13. Organizations

EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than $10,000: ☐

$10,000 or more: ☒ => Expenses (nearest $20,000): 520,000.00

14. Reporting Method.
Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

☒ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only
☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code
☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

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Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code: BUD (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The association follows various appropriations measures and related issues for a variety of reasons-some related to seeking funding for and from specific programs of relevance to their members and in other cases when issues are tied to such a measure as a means of moving it through the legislative process. For the first semi-annual reporting period of 2006, the association focused particular attention on the following measures and related issues: HR 5384 - Agriculture and Rural Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2007. Particular emphasis on securing adequate funding for the telecommunications-oriented programs of the Rural Utilities Service and the Rural Cooperative Business Service and on the Act's general provisions tied to those programs' operations. HR 5672 - Science, State, Justice, Commerce Appropriations Act for Fiscal year 2007. Particular emphasis on monitoring funding for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the programs under their jurisdiction, and on the general provisions exempting the federal universal service programs from the Anti-Deficiency Act and restricting the FCC from implementing primary line restrictions on the universal service program. HR 5647 - Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2007. Particular emphasis on monitoring funding of HHS programs and services that may affect the health and benefit plans offered to the association's members. HR 3708 - Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2007. Particular emphasis on monitoring funding of HHS programs and services that may affect the health and benefit plans offered to the association's members.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA)
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Department of Labor
U. S. Senate -- U.S. House of Representatives -- Dept. of HHS

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: BLOOMFIELD, SHIRLEY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: LOGAN, TAMMIE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: O'HARA, BRIAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: PITTMAN, DARREN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: TETUAN, ERICA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: WACKER, THOMAS
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above.**None**

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15. General issue area code: ECN (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Monitor and comment on the concept of rural economic development and talk to different policy makers about the connection between advanced telecommunications technologies and the ability of rural communities to survive and contribute to the general economic and national security. S. 675 - New Homestead Act of 2005 HR 5380 - New Homestead Act of 2005

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
U. S. Senate
U. S. House of Representatives

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: BLOOMFIELD, SHIRLEY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: LOGAN, TAMMIE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: O'HARA, BRIAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: PITTMAN, DARREN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: TETUAN, ERICA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: WACKER, THOMAS
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above.**None**

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15. General issue area code: INS (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Monitor and react to policies that ensure NTCA is able to continue offering its high quality Group Health Plan to members and their employees at affordable rates S. 1503 Healthy America Act of 2005 S. 1244 Longterm Care and Retirement Security Act of 2005 H.R. 2682 Long Term Care and Retirement Security Act of 2005 S. 4 Healthy America Act of 2005

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS)
U. S. Senate
U.S. House of Representatives
Executive Office of the President

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: BLOOMFIELD, SHIRLEY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: LOGAN, TAMMIE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: O'HARA, BRIAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: PITTMAN, DARREN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: TETUAN, ERICA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: WACKER, THOMAS
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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15. General issue area code: RET (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Monitor and respond to policies that will impact NTCA's ability to continue providing quality affordable pension plan options to their members and their employees. H.R. 4 Pension Protection Act of 2006 H.R. 2830 Pension Protection Act of 2005 S. 219 National Employee Savings and Trust Equity Guarantee Act of 2005 S. 1783 Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC)
U. S. Senate
U.S. House of Representatives
Executive Office of the President

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: BLOOMFIELD, SHIRLEY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: LOGAN, TAMMIE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: O'HARA, BRIAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: PITTMAN, DARREN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: TETUAN, ERICA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: WACKER, THOMAS
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15. General issue area code: TAX (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Monitor and react to proposals that will eliminate the federal death tax which inhibits the transfer of rural telcos and other rural businesses to heirs. H.R. 8 Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005 S. 988 To permanently repeal the estate and generation skipping transfer taxes. HR - 5638 Permanent Estate Tax Relief Act of 2006 HR - 5970 Estate Tax and Extension of Tax Relief Act of 2006Respond to IRS initiatives and other federal policies on telecom excise taxes to ensure the rural industry is on the same footing/playing field as other segments of the communications industry. HR 1898 - Telephone Excise Tax Repeal Act of 2005 S. 1321 - Telephone Excise Tax Repeal Act of 2005

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
U. S. Senate
U. S. House of Representatives
Executive Office of the President

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: BLOOMFIELD, SHIRLEY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: LOGAN, TAMMIE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
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Name: TETUAN, ERICA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: WACKER, THOMAS
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above.**None**

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15. General issue area code: TEC (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

With regard to the measures listed below, the association has the following interests: To pursue a regulatory environment that allows the association's incumbent rural telecom providers to continue serving the high-cost markets no other entities have cared to, without facing uneconomic artifically induced competition. The association believes in a strong universal service program and full cost recovery via that program, intercarrier compensation, and consumer rates. The association further believes that

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Small Business Administration (SBA)
U. S. Senate
U. S. House of Representatives
Executive Office of the President

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: BLOOMFIELD, SHIRLEY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
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Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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Signature: ON FILE Date: Aug 11, 2006

Printed Name and Title: Shirley Bloomfield, VP, Gov. Affairs & Assn. Servi -